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PRINCIPAL AREAS OF INTEREST INCLUDE:

A) COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF AMERICAN LABOR SCENE:

B) OPERATION OF NEWSPAPERS;

C) ROLE OF MINORITIES, PARTICULARLY BLAKCS, IN ORGANIZED LABOR;

AND

D) OVERVIEW OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.

SPECIFIC GRANTEE RQUESTS AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW:

1. AS PRESIDENT OF TUCSA HE SHOULD SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF AFL-CIO. AN APPOINTMENT WITH GEORGE MEARY SHOULD BE REQUESTED, STRESSING VAN TONDER HEADS LARGE TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION WITH WHICH AFL-CIO HAS HAD FRATERNAL RELATIONS OVER YEARS: GRANTEE SHOULD ALSO MEET WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY HE SHOULD MEET WITH HEADS OF INTERNATIONALS INCLUDING UAW CHIEF LEONARD WOODCOCK.

2. DESIRABLE FOR VAN TONDER MEET SECRETARY LABOR OR, IF NOT POSSIBLE, UNDER-SECRETARY. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ASST. SECRETARY

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OF STATE SCHAUFEELE WOULD MEET HIM.

3. NEWSPAPER INTEREST INCLUDES BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND TECHNICAL SIDES. HE SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED WITH OFFICIALS OF BOTH TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION AND AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD, IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE; ALSO TALKS WITH MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES. HE HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON WASHINGTON POST STRIKE AND POST SUGGESTS HE MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS SIDES THAT DISPUTE. A FEW MEETINGS ON EDITORIAL SIDE, PARTICULARLY LABOR WRITERS AND EDITORS ALSO RECOMMENDED. GRANTEE KEENLY INTERESTED COMPUTER INSTALLATIONS NEWSPAPERS AND WOULD LIKE SEE FEW OF FOLLOWING, PRESUMABLY MOST MODERN IN COUNTRY: DAVENPORT, IOWA, BALTIMORE, MIAMI, FT. LAUDERDALE, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. SUBSTITUTE WHERE APPROPRIATE AND SELECT THOSE CITIES WHERE OTHER PROGRAMMING GOOD.

4. USEFUL FOR HIM MEET CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND OTHERS ON HILL INTERESTED SOUTHERN AERICA. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED, WITH OTHERS AS WELL, THAT TUCSA IS MULTI-RACIAL AND ATTEMPTING TO DO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL FOR BLACKS AND OTHERS.

5. SUGGEST GRANTEE VISIT SOME OF OUR MINES PARTICULARLY IN STRIP MINING AND THOSE LOCATIONS WHERE COMPANIES ARE CONCERNED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS. BOWDLER

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